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SUBJECT: SWEDEN CONTRIBUTES USD 3 MILLION TO PAKISTAN'S IDPS

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¶1. Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation Gunilla Carlsson told journalists on May 19 that Sweden is contributing \$3 million in humanitarian assistance to help Pakistan's Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), as follows:

- \$1.3 million of its total contribution through the UNHCR,
- \$1.1 million to Pakistan via the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) to several UN humanitarian organizations,
- \$625,000 to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Pakistan.

¶2. Carlsson stated that the "speed and scale of the internal refugee crisis in northwest Pakistan are a cause for deep concern." The internal refugees, currently numbering nearly two million, need food, water, health care and shelter, as well as protection, Carlsson opined. With humanitarian organizations finding it difficult to safely access this troubled region, Sweden is pleased that OCHA is organizing a coordinated and extensive humanitarian operation, she said.
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